

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

(Effective February 1, 1997)

APPLICATION

Each applicant for a Child Development Permit shall file a completed application which includes materials verifying course work and experience appropriate to the permit level as described below.

ALL APPLICABLE COURSE WORK MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER .

UNLESS SPECIFIED, ALL COURSE WORK AND DEGREES MUST BE COMPLETED AT A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

LEVELS OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

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| Child Development Assistant Permit Child Development Associate Teacher Permit Child Development Teacher Permit Child Development Master Teacher Permit. Child Development Site Supervisor Permit. Child Development Program Director Permit. |
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CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT PERMIT

AUTHORIZATION

The Child Development Assistant Permit authorizes the holder to care for and assist in the development and instruction of children in a child care and development program under the supervision of a Child Development Permit (CDP) Associate Teacher, CDP Teacher, CDP Master Teacher, CDP Site Supervisor, or CDP Program Director.

REQUIREMENTS

Option 1

Completion of six semester units of early childhood education or child development course work.

Option 2

Completion of an accredited Home Economics and Related Occupations (HERO) or Regional Occupation Program (ROP) in Child Development Related Occupations.

Option 3

Completion of equivalent training approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Equivalent training may include traditional course work taken through a regionally accredited institution of higher education and Commission-approved non-college based training.

TERM AND RENEWAL

The Child Development Assistant Permit is issued for five years and is renewable for successive five-year periods. Renewal requires completion of 105 hours of professional growth.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE TEACHER PERMIT

AUTHORIZATION

A Child Development Associate Teacher Permit authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise a Child Development Assistant Permit holder.

REQUIREMENTS

Option 1 [Both of (a) and (b) below]

- a) Completion of a minimum of twelve semester units of course work in early childhood education/child development (exclusive of field work) **including** at least one course in each of the following core areas:
- child/human growth and development;
 - child, family and community, or child and family relations;
 - programs/curriculum
- b) Fifty days of experience in an instructional capacity in a child care and development program, working at least three hours per day within the last two years.

Option 2

Completion of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. (For information about the CDA Credential contact the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition at 1-800-424-4310)

Option 3

Completion of equivalent training approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Equivalent training may include traditional course work taken through a regionally accredited institution of higher education and Commission-approved non-college based training.

TERM AND RENEWAL

A Child Development Associate Teacher Permit is issued for five years and may only be renewed once. In order to renew the Child Development Associate Teacher Permit, the applicant must complete at least fifteen semester units toward the Child Development Teacher Permit. At the end of the ten year period, the applicant must meet all requirements for a Child Development Teacher Permit.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHER PERMIT

AUTHORIZATION

A Child Development Teacher Permit authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child development program, and supervise a Child Development Permit Associate Teacher, a Child Development Permit Assistant, and an aide.

REQUIREMENTS

Option 1 [All of (a), (b) and (c) below]

- a) Completion of twenty-four semester units of course work in early childhood education/child development **including** at least one course in each of the following core areas:
- child/human growth and development;
 - child, family and community, or child and family relations;
 - programs/curriculum
- b) Completion of 175 days of experience in an instructional capacity in a child care and development program, working at least three hours per day within the last four years.
- c) Sixteen diversified semester units in general education (i.e., at least one course in each of the following areas: Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Social Sciences, Math and/or Science, and English/Language Arts).

**** Either of the following may be used to partially meet the twenty-four semester units requirement:**

1. A two- or three-semester unit supervised field work course, including both the field and course work components, may be used toward the required twenty-four early childhood education/child development semester units, but the same field work course may not be used to meet the experience requirement, OR

2. Successful completion of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, which may be used for nine semester units of credit toward the required twenty-four semester units. (For information about the CDA Credential contact the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition at 1-800-424-4310)

Option 2

Completion of an Associate of Arts degree or higher in early childhood education or child development or a related field, with a three semester unit supervised field experience in an early childhood education setting.

Option 3

Completion of equivalent training approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Equivalent training may include traditional course work taken through a regionally accredited institution of higher education and Commission-approved non-college based training.

TERM AND RENEWAL

The Child Development Teacher Permit is issued for five years and is renewable for successive five-year periods. Renewal requires completion of 105 hours of professional growth.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT MASTER TEACHER PERMIT

AUTHORIZATION

A Child Development Master Teacher Permit authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise a Child Development Permit Teacher, a Child Development Permit Associate Teacher, a Child Development Permit Assistant, and an aide. A Child Development Master Teacher Permit also authorizes the holder to serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development in a child care and development program.

REQUIREMENTS

Option 1 [All of (a) through (e) below]

- a) Completion of twenty-four semester units of course work in early childhood education/child development **including** at least one course in each of the following core areas:

- child/human growth and development;
- child, family and community, or child and family relations;
- programs/curriculum

**** Either** of the following may be used to partially meet the twenty-four semester units requirement:

1. A two- or three-semester unit supervised field work course, including both the field and course work components, may be used toward the required twenty-four early childhood education/child development semester units, but the same field work course may not be used to meet the experience requirement, OR
 2. Successful completion of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, which may be used for nine semester units of credit toward the required twenty-four semester units. (For information about the CDA Credential contact the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition at 1-800-424-4310)
- b) Completion of sixteen semester units in general education (i.e., at least one course in each of the following areas: Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Social Sciences, Math and/or Science, and English/Language Arts).
 - c) Completion of six additional semester units in an area of specialization which may include but is not limited to the following:
 1. Infant and toddler care;
 2. Bilingual and bicultural development;
 3. Children with exceptional needs;
 4. Preschool programming;
 5. Parent/teacher relations;
 6. Child health;
 7. Specific areas of developmentally appropriate curriculum.
 - d) Completion of two semester units of adult supervision course work.
 - e) Completion of 350 days of experience in an instructional capacity in a child care and development program, working at least three hours per day within the last four years.

Option 2 [All of (a), (b) and (c) below]

- a) Completion of a baccalaureate degree or higher.
- b) Twelve or more semester units of early childhood education or child development course work.
- c) A three unit supervised field experience in an early childhood education setting.

Option 3

Completion of equivalent training approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Equivalent training may include traditional course work taken through a regionally accredited institution of higher education and Commission-approved non-college based training.

TERM AND RENEWAL

The Child Development Master Teacher Permit is issued for five years and is renewable for successive five-year periods. Renewal requires completion of 105 hours of professional growth.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SITE SUPERVISOR PERMIT

AUTHORIZATION

A Child Development Site Supervisor Permit authorizes the holder to supervise a child care and development program operating at a single site, provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development in a child care and development program.

REQUIREMENTS

Option 1 [All of (a) through (e) below]

- a) Completion of an Associate of Arts degree or 60 semester units.
- b) Completion of twenty-four semester units of course work in early childhood education/child development **including** at least one course in each of the following core areas:
 - child/human growth and development;
 - child, family and community, or child and family relations;
 - programs/curriculum
- ** Either of the following may be used to partially meet the twenty-four semester units requirement:
 - 1. A two- or three-semester unit supervised field work course, including both the field and course work components, may be used toward the required twenty-four early childhood education/child development semester units, but the same field work course may not be used to meet the experience requirement.
 - 2. Successful completion of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, which may be used for nine semester units of credit toward the required twenty-four semester units. (For information about the CDA Credential contact the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition at 1-800-424-4310)
- c) Completion of six additional semester units of course work in the administration and supervision of child care and development programs. These six units must include at least two different courses. One course shall be introductory and one course shall be advanced, or they must be courses of different topical content.
- d) Completion of two semester units of adult supervision course work.
- e) Completion of 350 days of experience in an instructional capacity in a child care and development program, working at least three hours per day within the last four years. Experience must include at least 100 days of supervising adults in a child care and development program.

Option 2 [All of (a), (b) and (c) below]

- a) Completion of a baccalaureate degree or higher.
- b) Twelve or more semester units of early childhood education or child development course work.
- c) A three unit supervised field experience in an early childhood education setting.

Option 3 [All of (a), (b) and (c) below]

- a) An Administrative Services credential authorizing services in public schools in California.
- b) Twelve or more semester units of early childhood education or child development course work.
- c) A three unit supervised field experience in an early childhood education setting.

Option 4 (All of a, b and c below)

- a) A current credential issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing teaching service in a self-contained classroom or a secondary teaching credential in home economics.
- b) Twelve or more semester units of early childhood education or child development course work.
- c) A three unit supervised field experience in an early childhood education setting.

Option 5

Completion of equivalent training approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Equivalent training may include traditional course work taken through a regionally accredited institution of higher education and Commission-approved non-college based training.

TERM AND RENEWAL

The Child Development Site Supervisor Permit is issued for five years and is renewable for successive five-year periods. Renewal requires completion of 105 hours of professional growth.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DIRECTOR PERMIT

AUTHORIZATION

A Child Development Program Director Permit authorizes the holder to supervise a child care and development program operated in a single or multiple sites, provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development in a child care and development program.

REQUIREMENTS

Option 1 [All of (a) through (e) below]

- a) Completion of a baccalaureate degree.
- b) Completion of twenty-four semester units of course work in early childhood education/child development **including** at least one course in each of the following core areas:
 - child/human growth and development;
 - child, family and community, or child and family relations;
 - programs/curriculum

****** Either of the following may be used to partially meet the twenty-four semester units requirement:

- 1. A two- or three-semester unit supervised field work course, including both the field and course work components, may be used toward the required twenty-four early childhood education/child development semester units, but the same field work course may not be used to meet the experience requirement.
- 2. Successful completion of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, which may be used for nine semester units of credit toward the required twenty-four semester units. (For information about the CDA Credential contact the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition at 1-800-424-4310)
- c) Completion of six additional semester units of course work in the administration and supervision of child care and development programs. These six units must include at least two different courses. One course shall be introductory and one course shall be advanced, or they must be courses of different topical content.
- d) Completion of two semester units of adult supervision course work.
- e) Child Development Site Supervisor status, with at least one program year of site supervisor experience.

Option 2 [All of (a), (b) and (c) below]

- a) An Administrative Services credential authorizing service in public schools in California.
- b) Twelve or more semester units of early childhood education or child development course work.
- c) A three unit supervised field experience in an early childhood education setting.

Option 3 [All of (a), (b) and (c) below]

- a) A current credential issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing teaching service in a self-contained classroom or a secondary teaching credential in home economics.
- b) Twelve or more semester units of early childhood education or child development course work.
- c) A three unit supervised field experience in an early childhood education setting.

Option 4

Completion of equivalent training approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Equivalent training may include traditional course work taken through a regionally accredited institution of higher education and Commission-approved non-college based training.

TERM AND RENEWAL

The Child Development Program Director permit is issued for five years and is renewable for successive five-year periods. Renewal requires completion of 105 hours of professional growth.

Reference: Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 80105, 80107, 80109, 80110, 80111, 80112, 80113, 80114, 80115 80116.

When a Permit holder completes all of the requirements for a higher level of the Child Development Permit within three years of the date of initial issuance, he/she may submit an application for renewal and the original unexpired permit and pay half the current renewal fee.

All valid permits for service in a child care and development program issued prior to the effective date of this section shall continue in force and may be renewed as prescribed for each specific type of permit at the time it was issued. Upon request of the applicant, permits issued under prior regulations may be evaluated for the appropriate permit level under current regulations.

Individuals holding permits issued under prior regulations who did not complete the renewal requirements specified for that type of permit may re-apply under current regulations.

Thirty days after these regulations become effective, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing will no longer issue life permits.

Experience must be verified by the applicant's employer(s).

Definitions

- "Early childhood education/child development course work" is course work from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or an agency or institution approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing primarily related to children ages five years or younger. Twenty-five percent of the course work may cover children ages five through eight years of age.
- "Commission-approved non-college based training" is training which occurs outside of a regionally accredited institution of higher education. It must have been approved by the Commission to meet all or part of the requirements for obtaining a Child Development Permit. Commission approved non-college based training must meet criteria established by the Commission in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction in order to be applicable toward the Permit.
- "Professional growth" is participation in activities that contribute to a permit holder's competence, performance or effectiveness in the early childhood profession. Such activities may include but are not limited to college or university course work, conferences, workshops, institutes, academies, symposia, and staff development programs.
- An "Aide" is an individual who cares for and assists in the development and instruction of children. Aides are not required to hold a permit issued by the Commission. (Individuals interested in serving as aides in a Child Development Program should contact their employer, or potential employer, for information about employment requirements.)
- "Adult supervision course work" is a course that helps Child Development Permit candidates develop knowledge and skills for effective communication with and supervision of adults.